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- ✓ 2 nights in a boutique Chinese courtyard inn
- ✓ 1 night in Longji amongst the rice terraces
- ✓ 4 nights on a deluxe Yangtze River cruise in a balcony cabin
- ✓ Daily breakfast, 12 lunches and 9 dinners
- ✓ Professional guides
- ✓ All bullet train tickets and coach transportation
- ✓ 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent



You will be visiting

Beijing - Chengdu - Guilin - Hong Kong - Shanghai - Xi'an - Yangtze River -

Gubei Water Town - Leshan - Yangshuo - Longji.

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1

Destination: Home ✈ Beijing

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Beijing Wangfujing, or Similar

Your boutique tour through China awaits! The journey begins with an international flight to Beijing; upon arrival at Beijing Airport, you'll be met by our representative and escorted to your hotel to rest after your flight.

Please note: Some flights may depart the day before.

Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.

Day 2

Destination: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Beijing Wangfujing, or Similar

Set out today with your guide to discover Beijing's iconic imperial treasures. Stand in Tiananmen Square, one of the largest and grandest public plazas in the world; enjoy the thrill of a rickshaw tour of the city's Hutongs – narrow laneways dotted with *siheyuan* (traditional courtyard-styled houses) and famous for their time-honoured workshops.

Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious meal with a local family before returning to the hotel, where you can spend the evening relaxing, or instead enjoy one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** to enhance your experience.

OPTIONAL TOUR - KUNG FU SHOW

A must-see production in Beijing for tourists and Kung Fu lovers. A group of the best Kung Fu practitioners in China perform in this show, a mix of traditional martial arts and modern theatre. Enjoy stunning Kung Fu skills, exquisite ballet and music.

Day 3

Destination: Beijing 🚗 Great Wall of China Mutianyu 🚗 Gubei Water Town

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Yanmen Inn, or Similar

An incredible day awaits: today we'll travel into the rugged mountain landscapes of the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China. Take in the exceptional views from the top of this famous, ancient structure, often recognised as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a staggering feat of manpower and a bucket list destination. While here, enjoy an **Inspiring Taste**, sip some wine while you admire the views.

En route back to the city we'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia and learn all about China's most precious and celebrated stone. We'll also stop at the remote and ancient Gubei Water Town, which sits in the shadow of one of the most beautiful sections of the Great Wall – Simatai. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the town's narrow laneways and canals.

Tonight your **Inspiring Stay** will be a boutique Chinese courtyard inn. While not a modern five-star hotel, staying in a courtyard inn gives you an insight into the Chinese way of life.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – EVENING KUNG FU SHOW

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

The Chinese Kungfu Show, consisting of six scenes, is presented by a group of marvelous Kung Fu practitioners from all over China. The average age of these practitioners is only 17 years old, but they have studied Chinese Kung Fu for many years. During the 80-minute show, the actors do not speak but present all Kung Fu, dance and acrobatics. The Kung Fun Legend creatively unifies Chinese traditional arts and modern dance, which is a must-see in this city for travelers and Kung Fu enthusiasts.

Day 4

Destination: Gubei Water Town

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Yanmen Inn, or Similar

Enjoy free time exploring the elegance of Gubei Water Town today, where carefully preserved old buildings flank the sleepy canals.

Besides sightseeing within the town, the more adventurous may choose to climb a section of the Simatai Great Wall.

Please note: this section of the Great Wall is not reconstructed and is uneven and crumbling in some sections, however, Simatai Great Wall is arguably the most spectacular section of the Great Wall of China.

Day 5

Destination: Gubei Water Town 🚗 Beijing 🚗 Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: The Bund Riverside Hotel, or Similar

Today we drive back to Beijing to visit the Forbidden City. Enter through the imposing walls of the Forbidden City, once the domain of the Ming Dynasty, for an exclusive tour of this vast complex of courtyards, halls, palaces and lanes.

Later, board the high-speed train to China's economic heart, Shanghai. China's bullet train network is now the most expansive in the world and you'll be rocketing to Shanghai at speeds of up to 300km/h. On arrival you'll be transferred to your hotel to enjoy some time at your leisure.

Day 6

Destination: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: The Bund Riverside Hotel, or Similar

Today, we'll visit the Nanjing Road Shopping District, one of the world's busiest pedestrianised shopping streets featuring more than 600 businesses. Next we'll discover the history and culture of Shanghai at the Shanghai Museum. The building's impressive architecture features a round top and a square base, symbolizing the ancient Chinese philosophy of 'round sky, square earth'.

We'll continue to the Jinmao Building, which stands 420 metres high; it's located next to the Oriental Pearl Tower and the Shanghai World Financial Centre in the Lujiazui area of the Pudong district. Enjoy an **Inspiring Taste** of Shanghai Xiao Long Bao, the famous soup dumplings, which originated here in Shanghai but are now found the world over. Then we'll head to

Shanghai's renowned waterfront – known as the Bund, or Waitan. This promenade, which sits next to the Huangpu River, is where you'll witness the collision of the old and new sides of this global financial hub.

Tonight, relax or enjoy one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** options to enhance your experience.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

To experience the scenery along Huangpu River, a cruise has to be the top choice. A Huangpu River cruise has now become a must-have activity when visiting Shanghai. When cruising at night, you can enjoy the most extraordinary sights. On board the ship, a choice of Chinese food, western cuisine and a buffet is available. You can enjoy a delicious meal while admiring the scenery. This way of travel not only appeals to visitors but also the local people who sometimes choose a river cruise for relaxation.

Day 7

Destination: Shanghai ✕ Xi'an

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Park Xian, or Similar

Today, travel by plane to Xi'an, where you'll be met by your tour guide and escorted to your hotel.

Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in all of China, with a history that extends back more than 3000 years. As one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China, it served as the country's capital during several of the most significant dynasties in China's history. Xi'an is now home to a great number of precious and ancient relics, but the city is best known as the starting point of the famous Silk Road and the place where the Terracotta Army can be found.

Day 8

Destination: X'ian

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Park Xian, or Similar

Today will begin with a visit to the serene Small Wild Goose Pagoda. The building, constructed during the Tang dynasty, was once the site where a

large team of scholars came to translate the Buddhist Scriptures into Chinese; as such it has since become a place of pilgrimage.

We'll then continue on to the Provincial Museum, otherwise known as the Shaanxi History Museum, which documents China's archaeological finds which date as far back as the Neolithic Age.

And finally, our next visit will be to the Ancient City Wall, which was built in 194 BCE; it is recognised as the oldest and best-preserved ancient city wall in all of China.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - TANG DYNASTY SHOW & DINNER

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

The Tang Dynasty Show, also known as "Music & Dance Dinner Show in Xian" is the pride of the city. Hosted at the "Tang Dynasty Palace", which is a leading entertainment theatre & dinner restaurant in China. This legendary venue offers you a unique opportunity to indulge themselves in exotic Chinese entertainment and Cantonese delicacies which includes dinner.

Day 9

Destination: Xi'an 🚗 Terracotta Warriors 🚗 Xi'an

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Park Xian, or Similar

We'll learn about more than 1000 years of Xi'an's history today – a city that served as China's capital for 13 dynasties. We'll also visit the Terracotta Army, considered the Eighth Wonder of the World, which was discovered by accident in 1974, as local farmers were digging a well. Wear comfortable shoes to explore this vast depository of more than 7000 soldiers, archers, horses and chariots, which have guarded Emperor Qin's tomb since 210 BCE. Each figure is unique and the painstaking repair and excavation work continues to this day. On the way to the Terracotta Warriors, we'll also visit an excellent factory where you can learn more about the creation, conservation, and history of the warrior vaults.

After lunch, enjoy a walking food tour of the old Muslim Quarter, where your guide will help to order you delectable dishes and snacks.

Day 10

Destination: Xi'an  Chengdu

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel, or Similar

Transfer to Chengdu by bullet train today. Upon arrival in Sichuan's capital, you'll be transferred to your hotel to rest, ahead of your full day of sightseeing tomorrow.

Chengdu's history dates back to at least the fourth century BCE, when it served as capital of the Shu Kingdom, but today it is more famous for the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding – a conservation centre where visitors can view endangered giant pandas in a natural habitat.

Day 11

Destination: Chengdu

Meals: Breakfast


Hotel: Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel, or Similar

Set out today for an incredible tour of Chengdu Panda Base with an experienced local guide. The centre is famous for its breeding program and home of the giant pandas and their gorgeous cousins, the red pandas.

Later we'll explore some of Chengdu's most famous and historic backstreets, including: Kuan Xiangzi (Wide Alley), Zhai Xiangzi (Narrow Alley), and Jing Xiangzi (Well Alley). The main attraction among these alleys are the traditional courtyards and ancient style streets.

Tonight we'll enjoy an **Inspiring Taste** – the local delicacy of Sichuan Hotpot. Trying this regional dish of hot broth and countless other additions (from thinly sliced meat to leafy vegetables, seafood and wontons) should be a mandatory part of everyone's culinary tour of Sichuan.

Day 12

Destination: Chengdu  Leshan Giant Buddha  Huanglongxi Ancient Town  Chengdu

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel, or Similar

After breakfast today we set out for a tour of the Leshan Giant Buddha. A 71-metre-tall stone statue that has been carved out of the side of a towering cliff face, the Leshan Giant Buddha is the largest stone Buddha in

the world, and considered to be the tallest pre-modern statue in the world. The wider Mount Emei Scenic Area has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.

We finish today's activities with a visit to the Huanglongxi Ancient Town. With a history of more than 1700 years, Huanglongxi still retains its rustic charm with ancient buildings and old folklore customs kept alive.

Tonight, relax or enjoy one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** to enhance your experience.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - SICHUAN OPERA SHOW

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

A typical local opera in Sichuan, typical local style music and dancing Show, it was a saying in Tang Dynasty: Sichuan Opera is the best in China. Then developed based on the local Opera of Chedeng, and integrated with the singing of other local opera in China, such as Su, Wan, Shan ect. the highlights is the Face Change, a master can change facial makeup tens of times in a short while, and also Tuhuo, Gundeng, Shuixiu ect. specially it is not that sit line by line, but by the teapoy separately to enjoy the opera, it is quite different experience of local culture.

Day 13

Destination: Chengdu 🚉 Yichang 🚢 Embark on Yangtze Cruise

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or Similar

Today, we'll transfer to Yichang by bullet train. Upon arrival, board your Yangtze River cruise ship and settle in before departure tomorrow.

The meandering Yangtze River is the largest river in Asia and the third largest in the world. It is renowned not only for its impressive size but also for the natural beauty of its surrounds. The river begins in the remote mountainous regions and winds its way through stunning gorges, and lush and fertile regions, connecting with numerous lakes and waterways.

Relish an **Inspiring Taste** dining experience over the next four nights in the ship's VIP dining room. Here you'll enjoy a quieter dining experience, better views and complimentary beer and soft drinks.

Day 14

Destination:  **Yangtze River Cruise**

Meals: **Breakfast**

Hotel: **Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or Similar**

Today, enjoy a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site. The dam is one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken by mankind and is the biggest hydroelectric power project in the world. The scale of the dam will leave you awed.

Later, return to the ship and enjoy some free time before attending the Captain's Welcome Banquet this evening, where an evening of dancing and good food awaits.

Day 15

Destination:  **Yangtze River Cruise**

Meals: **Breakfast**

Hotel: **Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or Similar**

Today's included shore experience is to the Lesser Three Gorges. After disembarking the cruise ship board smaller vessels to sail through the narrow and breathtaking Lesser Three Gorges region, lined by sheer cliffs and mountains.

In the afternoon we'll continue to cruise into the western section of the expansive Xiling Gorge.

OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSION - WHITE EMPEROR CITY

You may also choose the optional excursion to visit the White Emperor City, an ancient temple that is located atop Baidi Mountain on the northern bank of the Yangtze River in Fengjie County.

YANGTZE OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSION 2 (AFTERNOON) – TRIBE OF THE THREE GORGES

You may also want to visit the Tribe of the Three gorges, the only large scenic spot that has not been influenced by the Three Gorges Dam project, which showcases the abundant Ba Culture and Shu Culture.

Day 16

Destination:  **Yangtze River Cruise**

Meals: **Breakfast**

Hotel: Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or Similar

Today we'll pass through the mountains of Eastern Sichuan and enjoy a shore excursion to Fengdu Ghost City. This complex of temples, shrines and monasteries, built on Ming Mountain, depict instruments of punishment and paintings of demons, demonstrating the Chinese people's imagination of hell.

Tonight, enjoy the farewell dinner and pack your bags ahead of disembarkation tomorrow morning.

OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSION - SHIBAOZHAI

Shibaozhai Shibaozhai is a 12-story wooden pagoda built against the rock in the 18th century. It is located in Zhong County on the south bank of the Yangtze River. There are steles and inscriptions of past dynasties on each floor. Visitors may also appreciate the spectacular Yangtze River from the windows of each floor during climbing. (Please note tour is subject to water conditions).

Day 17

Destination: Disembark Yangtze cruise 🚢 Chongqing ✈️ Guilin

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Bravo Guilin Hotel, or Similar

Today your guide will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Guilin. On arrival in Guilin you'll be transferred to your hotel.

Day 18

Destination: Guilin 🚗 Longji

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Longji Star Wish Resort, or Similar

Today enjoy a visit to the symbol of the city of Guilin: Elephant Trunk Hill. So named because the giant rock resembles an elephant dipping its trunk in the water to drink.

Next we drive to Reed Flute Cave, also known as the 'Palace of Natural Arts'. This limestone cave, full of stalactites, stalagmites and tall columns of stone, is illuminated by myriad multicoloured lights, making it a subterranean wonderland.

Later, we make our way to Longji, also known as the 'Dragon's Backbone'. The Longji Rice Terraces, built more than 600 years ago, offer some of the most fantastic scenery in China or indeed the world.

We'll spend the night in an **Inspiring Stay** – a boutique mountainside villa. Although basic, it offers incredible views of the Longji rice terraces.

Please note: the only way to access the rice terraces is by foot. The walk is uphill and takes approximately 40 minutes. For customers who are unable, or do not wish to walk, the local villagers offer a transport service for a small fee (approx \$20). The money paid goes directly back into helping the local community.

Day 19

Destination: Longji 🚗 Li River 🏞️ Yangshuo

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Yangshuo New Century, or Similar

This morning we'll enjoy sunrise over the rice fields before we make our way to Yangshuo, where we'll enjoy a leisurely cruise down the Li River. One of the world's 'Top 10 Watery Wonders' according to National Geographic, the Li River offers spectacular views over the stunning karst hills.

Day 20

Destination: Yangshuo 🚗 Guilin 🚗 Shenzhen 🚗 Hong Kong

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Metropark Hotel Kowloon, or Similar

Today you'll be transferred to Guilin station to board a high-speed train to Shenzhen, the gateway to Hong Kong. On arrival in Shenzhen you'll be transferred to your hotel in Hong Kong. Its vibrant, densely populated urban centre is a major port and global financial hub with a skyscraper-studded skyline featuring architectural landmarks like the Bank of China Tower.

Day 21

Destination: Hong Kong

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Metropark Hotel Kowloon, or Similar

Today is a free day to enjoy this spectacular city at your leisure.

Day 22

Destination: Hong Kong

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Metropark Hotel Kowloon, or Similar

Today is another free day – relax or head out and explore this bustling metropolis.

Day 23

Destination: Hong Kong ✈ Home

Meals: Breakfast

Today you'll be transferred to the airport by shuttle bus for your homeward flight. We hope you have enjoyed your journey through China.

Please note: some flights will arrive home one day later.

Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.

What's included

- Small group tour (up to 20 people max)
- Return international airfares with a full-service airline
- All internal flights
- Return airport transfers
- 15 nights 4 to 5-star accommodation in world-class hotels
- 2 nights in a boutique Chinese courtyard inn at the foot of the Great Wall of China
- 1 night in Longji amongst the rice terraces in a boutique lodge
- 4 nights deluxe Yangtze River cruise in a balcony cabin with VIP dining, which includes beer and soft drinks with meals
- Daily breakfast, 12 lunches and 9 dinners, plus drinks on the Great Wall of China and a memorable Sichuan hotpot experience

- Professional English-speaking tour guides accompanying you throughout
- Dedicated air-conditioned coach transportation
- All bullet train tickets as mentioned in the itinerary (standard seating)
- Incredible sightseeing, including all entry fees as per the the itinerary
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

Sightseeing Highlights

- Beijing – Set foot on the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China and enjoy a glass of wine to celebrate the occasion
- Beijing – Uncover the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square
- Beijing – Enjoy a rickshaw tour through the city's famous Hutongs
- Gubei Water Town – Travel to the rugged hills behind Beijing to Gubei, an ancient town situated in the shadow of the Great Wall of China
- Shanghai – Enjoy Nanjing Road, one of the world's busiest shopping streets
- Shanghai – Taste the famous xiao long bao dumplings in the city they were created
- Xi'an – Visit one of the most incredible archaeological finds of the 21st century, the Terracotta Army
- Xi'an – See one of China's best preserved ancient city walls
- Xi'an – Learn more about the historic Small Wild Goose Pagoda
- Chengdu – See the majestic giant pandas and red pandas
- Leshan – Stand in awe at the foot of the 71-metre-tall Leshan Giant Buddha and explore the Huanglongxi Ancient Town
- Yangtze River – Cruise through beautiful gorges and soak up the serenity of the Yangtze River
- Guilin – Savour the dramatic landscape of limestone karst hills, Elephant Trunk Hill and Reed Flute Cave
- Longji – Stay at the Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces, the most amazing in all of China
- Li River – Enjoy a leisurely cruise down the Li River, one of the world's 'Top 10 Watery Wonders'
- Hong Kong – Explore this incredible harbour city

Inspiring Features

Inspiring Stays

- 2 nights in a traditional Chinese courtyard inn at the foot of the Great Wall of China, in the Ancient water town of Gubei
- 1 night at the incredible Longji Star Wish Resort overlooking the rice terraces of Longji

Inspiring Sights

Choose 2 out of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

- Kung Fu Legend Show
- Evening Huangpu River Cruise
- Tang Dynasty Dance Performance
- Sichuan Opera Show

Inspiring Tastes

- Sip some wine while you admire the incredible view from on top of the Great Wall of China
- Sample the Shanghai xiao long bao, the famous soup dumplings originating in Shanghai that are now found the world over
- Join your group in a traditional Sichuan Hotpot where everyone becomes a chef
- Enjoy VIP dining onboard your luxury cruise, which includes a secluded dining room and beer and soft drinks included with your meals

Cruise Details

For further information on your cruise, click [HERE](#).